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For: JOINT FOR DUPLEX PIPES, METHOD OF BRAZING THE JOINT TO DUPLEX PIPE,  
AND AIR CONDITIONING APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE

**SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**Further to the Information Disclosure Statement of April 8, 2008, Applicant resubmits the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B, in response to the Examiner's objections in the Office Action of August 29, 2008.** In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby again notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of April 8, 2008, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The original Information Disclosure Statement of April 8, 2008 was filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise

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closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicants filed concurrently therewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) was required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant enclosed therewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office (Notification of Reasons for Rejection, mailing date January 8, 2008) in a counterpart application (Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-047528) citing such documents, together with an English-language version of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

Also, it is noted that the one (1) Japanese reference, JP-A-1-126489, cited in the Japanese Notification of Reasons for Rejection was previously listed on the PTO/SB/08 form submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 14, 2007, along with a copy of the foreign reference.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The U.S. PTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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